

Lee, NH



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Municipal Office Hours

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County
Labor Market Area
Tourism Region
Planning Commission
Regional Development

Strafford
Dover-Durham, NH-ME Metropolitan NECTA
Seacoast
Strafford Regional
Southeast Economic Development Corp.

Election Districts
US Congress
Executive Council
State Senate
State Representative

District 1
District 4
District 21
Strafford County Districts 5, 25

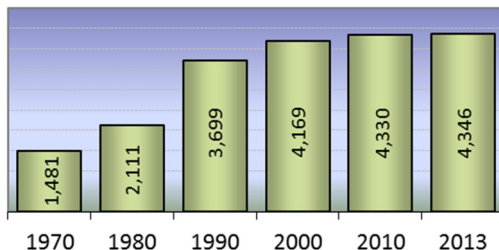
Incorporated: 1766

Origin: Established in 1766 following separation from Durham, Lee was one of the last among the 129 towns chartered by Governor Benning Wentworth. The town was named for General Charles Lee, friend and kin of the Governor, who had fought with George Washington and others during the French and Indian Wars. Lee also fought under Washington during the American Revolution, and in doing so, forfeited estates in England. Lee is the location of Wheelwright Pond, a noted scenic area, which was part of the claim issued to Reverend John Wheelwright, founder of Exeter.

Villages and Place Names: Glenmere, Lee Five Corners, South Lee, Wadleigh Falls

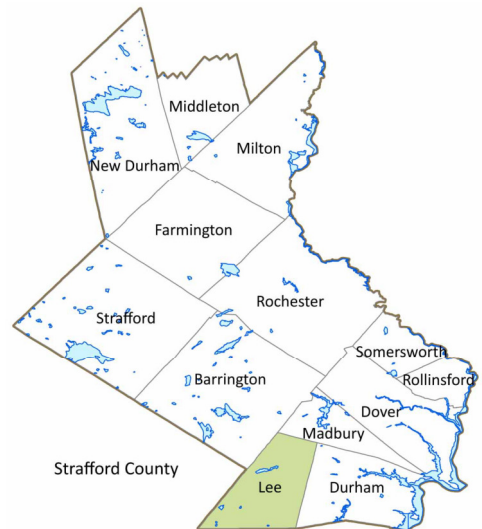
Population, Year of the First Census Taken: 1,029 residents in 1790

Population Trends: Population change for Lee totaled 3,415 over 53 years, from 931 in 1960 to 4,346 in 2013. The largest decennial percent change was a 75 percent increase between



1980 and 1990, followed by a 43 percent increase in the previous decade. The 2013 Census estimate for Lee was 4,346 residents, which ranked 83rd among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.

Population Density and Land Area, 2013 (US Census Bureau): 217.5 persons per square mile of land area. Lee contains 20.0 square miles of land area and 0.2 square miles of inland water area.



MUNICIPAL SERVICES			
Type of Government		Selectmen	
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2014-2015		\$3,664,065	
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Zoning Ordinance		1966/06	
Master Plan		2006	
Capital Improvement Plan		Yes	
Industrial Plans Reviewed By		Planning Board	
Boards and Commissions			
Elected:	Selectmen; Cemetery; Trust Funds; Budget Advisory; Moderator; Checklist; Library		
Appointed:	Planning; Conservation; Zoning; Agricultural; Heritage; Recreation		
Public Library	Lee Public		
EMERGENCY SERVICES			
Police Department		Full-time	
Fire Department		Full-time	
Emergency Medical Service		Volunteer	
Nearest Hospital(s)		Distance	Staffed Beds
Wentworth-Douglass, Dover		10 miles	124
Exeter Hospital, Exeter		13 miles	99
UTILITIES			
Electric Supplier	Eversource Energy; NH Electric Coop		
Natural Gas Supplier	None		
Water Supplier	Private wells		
Sanitation	Private septic		
Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant		No	
Solid Waste Disposal			
Curbside Trash Pickup		None	
Pay-As-You-Throw Program		No	
Recycling Program		Mandatory	
Telephone Company	Comcast; Fairpoint; AT&T		
Cellular Telephone Access		Yes	
Cable Television Access		Yes	
Public Access Television Station		Yes	
High Speed Internet Service:	Business	Yes	
	Residential	Yes	
PROPERTY TAXES		(NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)	
2013 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)		\$28.75	
2013 Equalization Ratio		99.6	
2013 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)		\$28.02	
2013 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type			
Residential Land and Buildings		85.7%	
Commercial Land and Buildings		12.7%	
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other		1.7%	
HOUSING		(ACS 2009-2013)	
Total Housing Units		1,877	
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached		1,380	
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:			
Two to Four Units in Structure		25	
Five or More Units in Structure		231	
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units		241	

DEMOGRAPHICS (US Census Bureau)		
Total Population	Community	County
2013	4,346	124,319
2010	4,330	123,143
2000	4,169	112,676
1990	3,699	104,348
1980	2,111	85,324
1970	1,481	70,431
Demographics, American Community Survey (ACS) 2009-2013		
Population by Gender		
Male	2,063	Female 2,283
Population by Age Group		
Under age 5		134
Age 5 to 19		929
Age 20 to 34		694
Age 35 to 54		1,450
Age 55 to 64		576
Age 65 and over		566
Median Age		41.6 years
Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over		
High school graduate or higher		96.2%
Bachelor's degree or higher		53.6%
INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$ (ACS 2009-2013)		
Per capita income		\$40,517
Median family income		\$100,979
Median household income		\$93,527
Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers		
Male		\$69,514
Female		\$51,990
Individuals below the poverty level		3.2%
LABOR FORCE (NHES – ELMI)		
Annual Average	2003	2013
Civilian labor force	2,525	2,534
Employed	2,445	2,429
Unemployed	80	105
Unemployment rate	3.2%	4.1%
EMPLOYMENT & WAGES (NHES – ELMI)		
Annual Average Covered Employment	2003	2013
Goods Producing Industries		
Average Employment	77	61
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 643	\$ 663
Service Providing Industries		
Average Employment	793	990
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 423	\$ 482
Total Private Industry		
Average Employment	870	1,050
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 442	\$ 493
Government (Federal, State, and Local)		
Average Employment	122	138
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 577	\$ 751
Total, Private Industry plus Government		
Average Employment	991	1,189
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 459	\$ 523

EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

Schools students attend: **Grades K-12 are part of Oyster River Cooperative (Durham, Lee, Madbury)**
 Career Technology Center(s): **Dover Career Technical Center; Creteau Regional Technology Center, Rochester;
 Somersworth Career Technical Center**

District: **SAU 5**
 Region: **12**

Educational Facilities (includes Charter Schools)	Elementary	Middle/Junior High	High School	Private/Parochial
Number of Schools	1			
Grade Levels	K 1-4			
Total Enrollment	293			

Nearest Community College: **Great Bay**

Nearest Colleges or Universities: **University of NH**

2014 NH Licensed Child Care Facilities (DHHS-Bureau of Child Care Licensing)

Total Facilities: **5** Total Capacity: **181**

LARGEST BUSINESSES	PRODUCT/SERVICE	EMPLOYEES	ESTABLISHED
Market Basket	Supermarket	120	1993
S & J Transportation	Trucking, leasing, sales	40	1992
McDonald's	Fast food restaurant	35	1995
Wendy's	Fast food restaurant	35	2004
Sunny's Restaurant	Restaurant	20	
Dunkin' Donuts	Donut shop	20	
Mobil Mart	Convenience store, gas	15	
Sunoco Mart	Convenience store, gas	15	2002
Wentworth Douglas Hospital	Health care services		

TRANSPORTATION (*distances estimated from city/town hall*)

Road Access	US Routes	4
	State Routes	125, 152, 155
Nearest Interstate, Exit	Spaulding Tpk., Exit 6; I-95, Exit 5	
Distance	10 miles; 15 miles	
Railroad	No	
Public Transportation	No	
Nearest Public Use Airport, General Aviation		
Pease International	Runway	11,321 ft. asphalt/conc
Lighted? Yes	Navigation Aids?	Yes
Nearest Airport with Scheduled Service		
Manchester-Boston Regional	Distance	33 miles
Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport	4	
Driving distance to select cities:		
Manchester, NH	30 miles	
Portland, Maine	67 miles	
Boston, Mass.	61 miles	
New York City, NY	266 miles	
Montreal, Quebec	285 miles	

COMMUTING TO WORK

(ACS 2009-2013)

Workers 16 years and over	
Drove alone, car/truck/van	73.3%
Carpooled, car/truck/van	9.8%
Public transportation	0.0%
Walked	1.3%
Other means	1.3%
Worked at home	14.3%
Mean Travel Time to Work	33.1 minutes

Percent of Working Residents: ACS 2009-2013

Working in community of residence	26.3
Commuting to another NH community	67.9
Commuting out-of-state	5.8

RECREATION, ATTRACTIONS, AND EVENTS

X	Municipal Parks
	YMCA/YWCA
	Boys Club/Girls Club
	Golf Courses
	Swimming: Indoor Facility
	Swimming: Outdoor Facility
	Tennis Courts: Indoor Facility
X	Tennis Courts: Outdoor Facility
	Ice Skating Rink: Indoor Facility
	Bowling Facilities
	Museums
	Cinemas
	Performing Arts Facilities
X	Tourist Attractions
X	Youth Organizations (i.e., Scouts, 4-H)
X	Youth Sports: Baseball
X	Youth Sports: Soccer
X	Youth Sports: Football
X	Youth Sports: Basketball
X	Youth Sports: Hockey
X	Campgrounds
X	Fishing/Hunting
X	Boating/Marinas
X	Snowmobile Trails
X	Bicycle Trails
X	Cross Country Skiing
X	Beach or Waterfront Recreation Area
	Overnight or Day Camps
	Nearest Ski Area(s): Moose Mountain, Gunstock
	Other: Lee USA Speedway; Library events; Ice Skating Rink: Outdoor Facility